

### Your Actions, Your Rights

Jury Nullification may be the final peaceful barrier between law-abiding gun owners and a tyrannical government dependent upon disarming honorable citizens.

For jury nullification to protect gun ownership rights, and all constitutional rights of gun owners, it is necessary for jurors to learn about their authority to judge the law and its application.

To defend law abiding gun owners from routinely abused power of government, you must first get on the jury. During jury selection, lawyers and judges, who like to dictate the law, consistently attempt to remove thinking people from juries. The corrupted power of lawyers and judges is dependent upon ignorant, unthinking jurors who will do whatever they are told by government officers, even in violation of good conscience and constitutional law.

When questioned to identify your understanding of the law or issues, consider variously stating that you do not keep track of political issues, and that you can apply the law as instructed by the court. If asked, consider suggesting that you do not remember if you are a current member of any gun owner organizations or other groups, because you get too many junk mail memberships and solicitations. Imply an impartial attitude.

You may be the only thinking person on the jury. Judicial oaths and instructions to the jury are designed to fool people, and to entrench the raw power of government. Despite their officious nature, the instructions and oaths are rhetorical ruses which cannot be legally binding, or there would be no need or authority for independently thinking juries.

You hold an absolute, unalienable right to vote your conscience *in every regard.* If the accused person did not identifiably damage an identified person, or for any other reason you wish, you can find him or her not guilty, regardless of the other jurors. Just consistently state that the government prosecutor did not adequately prove the government case. Or you can also state no reason for your decision, as is your right.

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"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."





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ALEXANDER HAMILTON, an American Founding Father, said in 1804, Jurors should acquit even against the judge's instruction.... "if exercising their judgment with discretion and honesty they have a clear conviction that the charge of the court is wrong."

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# Constitutional Defense ~ Self Defense ~ Jury Defense



#### **Constitutional Defense**

The Revolutionary War veterans understood the Constitutionally described right to bear arms. They had just defeated the world's greatest military power, to create the world's most free and thus most prosperous nation. As long as they remained armed, no government, British or American, could subjugate them again. The citizen right to bear arms creates the ability to remain free under an armed government which obviously craves more power. The greatest threat to human rights is always from one's own government.



#### Self Defense

A modern example of the jury defending the right of self defense is Bernard Goetz, who defended himself with a firearm on a New York subway, against multiple assailants. The government, which craves absolute power, accused Goetz of several crimes, but a jury of his peers simply refused to convict him of criminal action, defending YOUR right to defend yourself when the police are not there to defend you, as usual. The jury acquitted Goetz because members of the jury understood their authority to judge the law and refused to apply the laws that the government imposed.



#### **Jury Defense**

You, as one individual, cannot do much to effect legislation. But YOU can effectively defend the Constitution when a fellow gun owner is on trial. One person can "hang" a Jury by refusing to convict. You cannot be punished for doing so. If you are called to serve on a jury, do so! In turn, if your rational exercise of a right is ever described as a gun crime, by a typical anti-gun prosecutor, wouldn't you want a member of your Jury to be an informed gun owner? You would want them to understand that they can hang a jury by simply stating that the government prosecutor failed to prove the government case. You can also state no reason for your verdict, as is your right.

## The History of Jury Nullification

Liberty exists only among reasoning people who are tolerant of human diversity. Tyranny thrives on intolerance. Reasoning jurors defend liberty when they refuse to convict fellow citizens who are maliciously accused of crimes. Reasoning jurors stopped the Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and freed tax protesters during

the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794. Juries refused to convict under the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850, during Prohibition 1920-30, Vietnam Objectors 1960-1970, Tax Protesters, Medical Marijuana Users, and others.

The defense of our liberties is first at the ballot box, then the soap box, then the jury box, and finally, failing all else, the cartridge box. The writers of the US Constitution understood that power always corrupts, and that the people must retain and understand the several processes to defend themselves from the greatest threat to liberty: one's own government.

With more than 20,000 inferior gun laws contradicting the superior or prevailing law of the US Constitution's Second Amendment, and an increasingly anti-gun, power craving institution of government prosecutors and judges, it is only a matter of time before you or friends are accused of a gun crime, unless gun owners fully understand and effect jury nullification for wrongful accusations of crime.

Corrupted, anti-gun prosecutors and judges are common. Anyone can easily become a lawyer or judge. It is just a process. The US is overrun by them. They are common people who hold no more intelligence or reasoning ability than any other common person, and often less because of their egos and insatiable craving for more power. The duty and design of the citizen jury is to apply reasoning without title-induced ego and craving for power of office. Lawyers and judges literally cannot understand that concept even if they read these words, which is why wise people instituted the citizen jury system with its authority over lawyers and judges.

The citizen understanding of jury nullification in the US has become critically important with the increasing gun confiscation laws supported by the Democrat/Republican Party, its politically appointed prosecutors, judges, and the United Nations leadership.

Repeated refusals by juries to convict effectively informs legislators and prosecutors that the law is NOT supported by the community. Acquittals and hung juries are politically embarrassing to the power-craving prosecutors, legislatures, bureaucrats and most judges. Do not underestimate the effect that acquittals have on the currently out-of-control law and regulation writing process. One thinking person among each of only a few juries, who understands the value of individual liberty that cost so many lives to create, can regain gun owner rights in the US.

Hand out FIJA Literature



# **Educating Prospective Jurors**

FIJA chapters, members and informed gun owner groups can spread the word in local media regarding the authority of the jury.

FIJA offers various materials, and can often offer helpful strategic suggestions for educating the public -- and thus the jury pool -- for a particular Second Amendment-related jury trial.

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#### **Strategies that Work**

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Put up FIJA Posters
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Leave FIJA brochures at ranges
Contact FIJA for more ideas

